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U.S. HIGHWAY 189  
WILDWOOD TO HEBER VALLEY  
UTAH AND WASATCH COUNTIES, UTAH  
FINAL  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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**Abstract:** This Project would widen and realign 24 km (15 miles) of U.S. Highway 189 between the junctions with Utah Route 92 and U.S. Highway 40. Approximately 9.7 km (6 miles) of the overall project in the lower portion of the canyon have been constructed, and the next construction project would include about 8.5 km (5.3 miles). The improvements would enhance the capacity and safety of the highway while maintaining the recreational and aesthetic qualities of the canyon. The 2002 Preferred Alignment would have four lanes divided by a median with minimum pavement and clear zone widths. Approximately 9.09 hectares (22.46 acres) of habitat for vegetation and wildlife would be impacted. No threatened or endangered species would be affected. Approximately 0.77 hectare (1.90 acres) of wetlands would be impacted and completely mitigated. Some fishery habitat in Deer Creek would be lost and replaced by stream restoration and habitat improvement. The potential for water quality impacts to the Provo River from sedimentation would increase, but actual impacts would be eliminated by the implementation of appropriate Best Management Practices and a project-specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan prior to construction. The 2002 Preferred Alignment would comply with all project area land use plans and would not impact any category of important farmlands. Visible cuts and fills would occur in the project area viewscape, but they would be revegetated to the extent practicable. Access to recreational resources in the canyon would improve as a result of the 2002 Preferred Alignment. The 2002 Preferred Alignment would have some socio-economic impacts on the Canyon Meadows development, but it would have beneficial economic impacts in Wasatch and Utah Counties. One historic dam complex and one prehistoric site would be impacted as a result of the 2002 Preferred Alignment. Noise impacts and long-term air quality impacts would not occur as a result of implementing the alignment. The extension of a recreational trail has been added to the project, but the Preferred Alternative Trail Extension would be on existing roads and result in no additional disturbance or impacts.

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was published in September 2002. Formal public hearings were held on October 16 and 17, 2002, and public comments were accepted through November 11, 2002. This Final SEIS incorporates pertinent evaluations of these comments, as well as additional assessments based on further coordination with regulatory agencies.

Comments on this Final SEIS are due by May 26, 2003, and should be sent to Brent Schvaneveldt at the above address.